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ABSTRACT

A reactor is provided to produce compounds comprising at least one neutral, positive, or negative increased binding energy hydrogen species having a binding energy greater than the binding energy of the corresponding ordinary hydrogen species, or greater than the binding energy of any hydrogen species for which the corresponding ordinary hydrogen species is unstable or is not observed; and at least one other element. The reactor comprises a vessel containing an electron source and a source of increased binding energy hydrogen atoms having a binding energy of about $\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^2}$ where p is an integer greater than 1.

Electrons from said electron source react with increased binding energy hydrogen atoms from said source in said vessel thereby producing said compounds. The source of increased binding energy hydrogen atoms may be a hydrogen catalysis cell selected from a group consisting of an electrolytic cell, a gas cell, a gas discharge cell, and a plasma torch cell. The hydrogen catalysis cell comprises a second vessel containing a source of atomic hydrogen; at least one of a solid, molten, liquid, or gaseous catalyst having a net enthalpy of reaction of at least $m/2 \cdot 27$ eV, where m is an integer, whereby the hydrogen atoms react with the catalyst in the second vessel thereby producing a hydrogen atom having a binding energy of about $\frac{13.6 \text{ eV}}{\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^2}$ where p is an integer greater than 1.